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FOURTH MEETING OF FIRST PYITHU HLUTTAW BEGINS

RANGOON, OCTOBER 15 -- NEWSPAPERS REPORTED MEETING PYITHU HLUTTAW IN PRESIDENT HOUSE COMPOUND ON AHLONE ROAD ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT U NE WIN AND 433 OTHER HLUTTAW MEMBERS. PRIME MINISTER U SEIN WIN SUBMITTED REPORT COUNCIL MINISTERS REVIEWING 1975-76 FISCAL YEARS. SALIENT POINTS:

1. FOR 1974-75 PADDY CROPS, ESTIMATED 146 MILLION BASKES TO BE BOUGHT BUT THROUGH JUNE ONLY 134 MILLION BASKETS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED BY TRADE CORP. 1.
2. IN OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION, THREE TEST WELLS WERE DUG ALONG TENASSERIM COAST AND TWO ALONG ARAKAN DURING APRIL TO JUNE THIS YEAR. OIL PRODUCTION ON MAINLAND ROSE TO OVER WPPNPPP US BARRELS MONTH, ELIMINATING NEED IMPORTS THIS YEAR.
3. TO COMBAT RISING PRICES COMMODITIES, PRICES 14 BASIC FOOD-STUFFS WERE FIXED. ALTHOUGH PADDY PURCHASE PRICES WERE RAISED, OFFICIAL PRICE OF RICE NOT RAISED TO CONSUMERS.
4. A TOTAL OF 1830 CASES WERE SENT UP FOR TRIAL UNDER NARCOTIC

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DRUGS LAW DURING 1974. CAPTURE OF DRUGS INCLUDED 2702 VISS

OPIUM, 37 VISS HEROIN AND 414 VISS MARIJUANA. 11,519 MEN AND
615 WOMEN ADDICTS REGISTERED UNDER THIS LAW BEING GIVEN TREAT-
MENT AT CIVIL HOSPITALS.
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